

REMARKS

By this Amendment, the specification is amended as required by the outstanding Office Action and the claims are amended to merely clarify the recited subject matter. Claims 1-25 are pending.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-4, 13, 19-21, 24 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Huotari et al. (U.S. 6,044,264; hereafter "Huotari"). Claims 5-8, 14-18, 22 and 23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Huotari in view of Monrad et al. (U.S. 6,438,122; hereafter "Monrad"). Claims 9-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Huotari in view of Monrad and Yagel et al. (U.S. 6,366,657; hereafter "Yagel"). Claims 11 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Huotari in view of Yagel and Nakagawa (U.S. 5,583,918).

Although Huotari is assigned to Nokia Telecommunications and the present application to Nokia Networks, the priority document of the present application was filed by Nokia Telecommunications, as indicated by the priority information submitted by the International Bureau to the U.S. patent office. Therefore, Huotari and the present application were commonly assigned at the time of the invention of the present application. Thus, Huotari is prior art under the "commonly assigned" exception of 35 U.S.C. 103(c)

Monrad merely discloses a packet switched network. However, Monrad is totally silent about intelligent network and especially, how to implement the intelligent network principles to the packet switched network.

Although Yagel teaches a toolkit for mastering a data base for storing object definitions, Yagel also fails to disclose how to implement the intelligent network principles to a packet switched network.

Nakagawa relates to a solution where a credit card is charged on circuit switched calls, the charging employing intelligent network. Thus, Nakagawa also fails to disclose how to implement the intelligent network principles to a packet switched network.

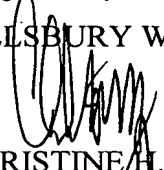
Since Huotari cannot be applied against the present application and Monrad, Yagel and Nakagawa, analyzed individually or in combination, fail to disclose how to implement the intelligent network principles to a packet switched network, independent claims 1 and 19 and their dependent claims are patentable.

All rejections and objections have been addressed. It is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly

solicited. Should there be any questions or concerns regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 033975. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

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